



The Pacific Islands Science, Technology and  
Resources Network Conference

**STAR 2025**

FIRST CIRCULAR  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
and  
REGISTRATIONS

The STAR Steering Committee is pleased to confirm that **STAR 2025**  
will have the theme of:

***“Connecting the Pacific Islands  
Through Science and Technology”***

**STAR 2025** will be presented in conjunction with the  
**CIRCUM-PACIFIC COUNCIL**

Workshop on “*The Role of the Pacific Island Nations in the  
Development of their Energy, Minerals, and Geo-resources  
Security Through Urban Sea Systems*”  
to be held in Suva on 24-25 November 2025

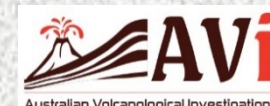
As with previous years, issues on **any** topic related to the overall  
conference theme or the Pacific region in general will also be welcome  
and will be included in the **STAR 2025** program.



**STAR 2025** will be held on  
26-29 November 2025  
in Suva, Fiji.

The venue for **STAR 2025** will be:  
Holiday Inn  
Suva, Fiji.

Details of accommodation options:  
[www.fiji.travel/places-to-stay/suva-and-surrounds](http://www.fiji.travel/places-to-stay/suva-and-surrounds)







## Conference Format

**STAR 2025** will be a hybrid event, **oral presentation sessions** will be available during **STAR 2025**. Poster presentations may also be available.

### **Presentations:**

2-hour sessions will be scheduled during the hours 09:00 – 17:00. PowerPoint presentations must be no longer than 15 minutes with 5 minutes for discussion.

### **Working Groups:**

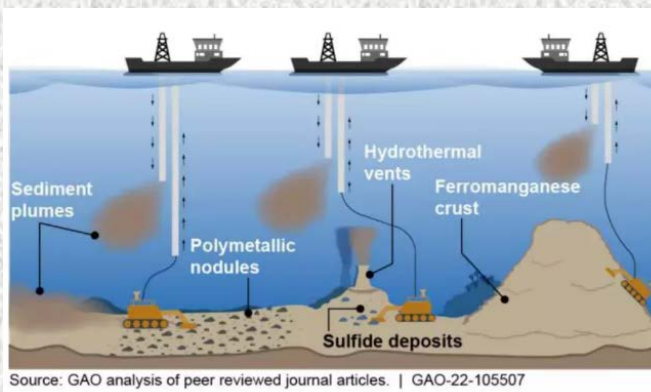
Working groups will also be scheduled during **STAR 2025** on topics relevant to supporting Pacific Island countries with their sustainable development. Any member, or group of members of STAR should provide details.

### **Field Trip:**

A field trip is being planned for Sat 29 November 2025. Details will be provided in due course.

## **Student and Early Career Prize**

The STAR Steering Committee will award a prize for the best presentation during the **STAR 2025** given by a student or early career scientist.



Source: GAO analysis of peer reviewed journal articles. | GAO-22-105507

## **Abstract Submission**

Delegates intending to participate in **STAR 2025** are hereby invited to submit titles of papers and abstracts under the focus areas.

Abstracts should be submitted via email in the attached format.

Early submission is strongly encouraged; however, the submission deadline will be:

**07 November 2025**

## **Registration Submission**

Registrations should be submitted using the attached form.

## **STAR 2025 Registration Fees**

Before 01 November	FJD200
After 01 November	FJD250
Virtual	FJD100
Students (no paper)	FJD50
Students (presenting paper)	Free
Field Trip	FJD100

## **STAR 2025 Contact Details:**

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# STAR

The Science, Technology and Resources (STAR) Network founded in 1984 as a joint initiative between SOPAC and the IOC/UNESCO. STAR has met annually for more than three decades in conjunction with the SOPAC Governing Council Meeting. SOPAC provided secretariat support to STAR until it became a new division of the Pacific Community (SPC).

In April 2015 at a Regional Geoscience Steering Group Meeting an agenda item considered the future of STAR. STAR was thus established as an independent organisation with the general aims:

- to strongly support the continuation of STAR because of its value in refreshing and animating scientific alliances and showcasing useful work, techniques and processes that may be adapted to address development issues of the Pacific;
- to further explore how STAR could remain independent to further develop the geoscientific needs of the Pacific Islands; and
- that for the future of STAR to be sustained, STAR needed to secure ownership by the Pacific islands. The current Chair of STAR is Mr Paula Cirikiyasawa, the Permanent Secretary of the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources.